

To Whom It May Concern:

I wasn't born in Montana but I've lived here for nearly a decade and spent the most formative years of my life in the beautiful Bitterroot Valley. I'm writing this today because I represent a minority group that's voice isn't being heard enough; I am a medical marijuana patient. Not only that, I'm one of the medical marijuana patients in Montana that is so often attacked by the misinformed. I am 18 years old and was prescribed medical marijuana by a state licensed physician to treat my chronic pain, more specifically, my migraines.

Anyone who's ever experienced a migraine knows first hand how debilitating and painful migraines can be. For the last few years I've been plagued with migraines on almost a weekly basis, which greatly interfered with both my school life and my working life. Were it not for medical marijuana, I would still be in a great deal of discomfort and wouldn't be nearly as productive as I am now.

Since I was twelve years old I've had to deal with a myriad of different prescription pills, hospital visits, CAT scans and other treatments for my migraines until I discovered medicinal marijuana. Since I was prescribed M.M. in April of 2010, not only have my medical bills been significantly reduced, my pain has been as well.

I need marijuana. Three words that to some seem inappropriate, three words that to others seem essential. Please support medical marijuana in Montana! This state needs it as much as the patients themselves do.

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